

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1716

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation to Determine the Resource
Value of Solar.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANTS
APPROVED**

On February 25, 2016, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a proposed budget for Issue Fund Grants in this proceeding. CUB's proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$37,500. CUB seeks Issue Fund Grants totaling \$30,000, with \$12,000 from the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund; \$12,000 from the PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, Issue Fund; and \$6,000 from the Idaho Power Issue Fund. CUB requests a waiver of the requirement to file its notice of intent to request and issue fund grant, and states it believes no party will be harmed by the delay.

The Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, approved by the Commission in Order No. 15-335 and the 2016-2020 Intervenor Funding Agreement between Idaho Power Company and CUB, approved by the Commission in Order 16-028, (IFAs) provide that precertified intervenors must submit a proposed issue fund budget to the Commission that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

- 1) A statement of the work to be performed;
- 2) A description of the areas to be investigated;
- 3) A description of the particular customer class(es) that will benefit from the intervenor's participation;
- 4) Identification of the specific fund accounts from which the intervenor is seeking monies and an estimate of the amount of available funds in that account;
- 5) A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operations support; and
- 6) A representation that the intervenor will use matching funds in the form of either in-house resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20 percent of the eligible expenses for which the intervenor is seeking an Issue Fund Grant.

Once a proposed budget is received, the Commission decides whether Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the IFAs. The Commission has the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

CUB was automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under the IFAs and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). CUB's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket.

In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, the Commission believes that CUB's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's request for waiver of the requirement to file its notice of intent to request an issue fund grant is granted, and its proposed budget for Issue Fund Grants is approved.
2. Issue Fund Grants are approved up to a total of \$30,000 as set forth above.

FEB 29 2016

Made, entered, and effective _____.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Grant".

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division